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b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 7b

as suggested by the applicant.

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because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. none of the figure is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7 H01L 21/66

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

G01B 31/02, H05K 13/08

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
Korean Patents and applications for inventions since 1975

Korean Utility models and applications for Utility models since 1975

Japanese Utility models and applications for Utility models since 1975

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
KIPONET, ESPACENET "probe contactor, spring, lithography"

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y	US 01/26166 A1 (Theodore A. Khoury, et al.) 04 October 2001 see abstract and Figs 5-14 see the whole document	1-3,8 9-14
Y	KR 99-46171 A (INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.) 05 July 1999 see claim 1 and Figs 2-5	1-3,9-14
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 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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